

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 19, 20, and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,362,294 issued to Seitzinger in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,931,855 issued to Buncke, and further in view of German Patent Application Publication No. DE 32 27 984 A1 applied for by Towfigh.

Importantly, however, the Examiner indicated that Claims 35, 44, and 50-52 are allowed.

Summary of Amendment

Upon entry of the present Response to Office Action, Claims 1-34, 36-43, and 45-49 will have been cancelled. As such, Claims 35, 44, and 50-52 remain currently pending. By the present amendment, Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome and respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant's Response

1. Claims 1-34, 36-43, and 45-49

By the present amendment, Claims 1-34, 36-43, and 45-49 have been cancelled. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections of the claims in the present application have been rendered moot.

2. Claims 35, 44, and 50-52

As of the present amendment, the only pending claims are Claims 35, 44, and 50-52, which the Examiner indicated in the Office Action of July 30, 2007 are allowed. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in full condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the application pass to issuance in a timely manner.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, and 103, and respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate allowance of each and every pending claim of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that none of the references of record, either taken alone or in any proper combination thereof, anticipate or render obvious Applicant's invention as recited in each of Claims 35, 44, and 50-52.

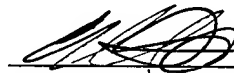
Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

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